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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

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1. ACCORDING TO THE LEGAL DIVISION OF THE FOREIGN
OFFICE, THE FRG'S QUOTA OF 1000 INDOCHINESE REFUGEES
HAS NOW BEEN FULLY SUBSCRIBED. WITH ONLY A FEW EXCEP-
TIONS, THE NEW IMMIGRANTS SEEM TO BE ADAPTING WELL AND
INTEGRATING THEMSELVES INTO GERMAN SOCIETY. LOCAL
AUTHORITIES ARE GENERALLY IMPRESSED WITH THE CALIBER
AND INDUSTRIOUSNESS OF THESE REFUGEES.

2. IN RECENT MONTHS, THE FRG HAS RECEIVED APPEALS FROM
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THE UNHCR AND ICEM REQUESTING IT TO ACCEPT AN ADDITIONAL
QUOTA OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES. ACCORDING TO OUR CONTACT,
THESE REQUESTS WERE VIEWED FAVORABLY ON THE FEDERAL
LEVEL AND THE INTERIOR MINISTRY, IN APRIL, QUIETLY
ASKED THE BUNDESLAENDER (STATES) FOR THEIR APPROVAL TO
ACCEPT AN ADDITIONAL 200. THESE NEW SLOTS WOULD BE
RESERVED FOR FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND BOAT CASES.

(IT IS THE BUNDESLAENDER, NOT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO GRANT RESIDENCE PERMITS AND EXTEND OTHER SERVICES TO NEW IMMIGRANTS.)

3. IN SPITE OF THE CURRENT HEAVY PRESSURE ON THE FRG'S RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMS CAUSED BY THE INFLUX OF GERMANIC "RE-SETTLERS" FROM THE EAST, THE FOREIGN OFFICE EXPECTS THE BUNDESLAENDER TO AGREE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL. THE FAVORABLE EXPERIENCE WITH THE 1000 INDOCHINESE REFUGEES ALREADY IN THE FRG IS ONE MAJOR REASON FOR THIS EXPECTATION.

4. COMMENT: THE INTERIOR MINISTRY'S REQUEST WAS DELIBERATELY NOT PUBLICIZED TO AVOID ATTRACTING UNDUE ATTENTION TO THE PROPOSAL. UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE FRG (4.6 PERCENT LAST MONTH) IS THE FRG'S PRIORITY CONCERN AND, ALTHOUGH THE INJECTION OF 100-200 NEW WORKERS INTO THE LABOR FORCE WOULD HAVE A MINISCULE IMPACT ON THE SITUATION, THE GOVERNMENT IS BEING CAUTIOUS SO AS NOT TO STIR UP CRITICISM NEEDLESSLY.
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